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Planning team
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Our ref: HA/2025/127048/01
Your ref: DC/25/1327

Date: 16 September 2025

Dear Planning team (FAO: Nicola Pettifer),

ERECTION OF 74 DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, PARKING AND LANDSCAPING.

LAND EAST OF MOUSDELL CLOSE, RECTORY LANE, ASHINGTON, RH20 3GS.

Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above application.

We have reviewed the information as submitted and set out our position and comments below.

Environment Agency position

We have **no objection** to the proposal as submitted, but please note our comments below.

Advice to Local Planning Authority and Applicant

Waste on-site

Developers should ensure that all contaminated materials are adequately characterised both chemically and physically, and that the environmental permitting status of any proposed on-site operations are clear. If in doubt, the Environment Agency should be contacted for advice at an early stage to avoid any delays (on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk). We recommend that developers should refer to the [waste management](#) page on GOV.UK.

We will consider any queries in relation to the use of [Definition of Waste: Development Industry Code of Practice \(DoWCoP\)](#) (which is to be updated) through our environmental permitting enhanced pre-application advice service, considering site conditions, the materials that are proposed to be used, and the potential for harm to the environment and to human health. We can also provide advice as to whether an environmental permit is required.

Waste to be taken off-site

Contaminated soil that is (or must be) disposed of is waste. Therefore, its handling, transport, treatment and disposal are subject to waste management legislation, which includes:

- Duty of Care Regulations 1991
- Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005
- Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016
- The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011

Developers should ensure that all contaminated materials are adequately characterised both chemically and physically in line with [British Standard BS EN 14899:2005 'Characterization of Waste - Sampling of Waste Materials - Framework for the Preparation and Application of a Sampling Plan'](#) and that the permitting status of any proposed treatment or disposal activity is clear. If in doubt, the Environment Agency should be contacted for advice at an early stage to avoid any delays (on **03708 506 506** (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm) or by emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).

If the total quantity of hazardous waste material produced or taken off site is 500kg or greater in any 12-month period, the developer will need to register with us as a hazardous waste producer. Refer to the [hazardous waste](#) pages on GOV.UK for more information.

If you have any queries regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the advisor identified below.

Yours faithfully,

Environment Agency – Solent & South Downs

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